



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/453,801
Filing Date	December 3, 1999
First Named Inventor	Saswati CHATTERJEE, et al.
Group Art Unit	1636
Examiner Name	G. Leffers Jr.
Attorney Docket Number	1954-287

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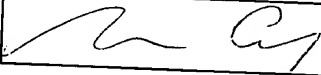
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

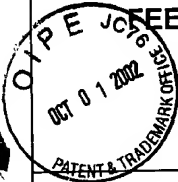
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 14, 2002
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
 - b. ☐ Other _____
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED			
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Martha Cassidy, Reg. No. 44,066		
SIGNATURE		DATE	October 1, 2002

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FREE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2001
(Small Entity)

		Complete if Known	
		Application Number	09/453,801
		Filing Date	December 3, 1999
		First Named Inventor	Saswati CHATTERJEE, et al.
		Examiner Name	G. Leffers Jr.
Group Art Unit		1636	RECEIVED OCT 04 2002
Attorney Docket Number		1954-287	
Total Amount of Payment	(\$)	630.00	

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-2135 in the name of Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck
- ☒ Charge any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:
☐ Check
☐ Credit Card

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Fee Code	Fee Paid	Fee Description	Fee Paid
205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	[]
227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	[]
139	130	Non-English specification	[]
147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	[]
112	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	[]
113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	[]
215	55	Extension for reply within first month	[]
216	200	Extension for reply within second month	[]
217	460	Extension for reply within third month	[260]
218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	[]
228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	[]
219	160	Notice of Appeal	[]
220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	[]
221	150	Request for Oral Hearing	[]
138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	[]
240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	[]
241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	[]
242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	[]
243	230	Design issue fee	[]
244	310	Plant issue fee	[]
122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	[]
123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	[]
126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	[]
581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	[]
246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR .129(a))	[]
249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	[]
279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	[370]
169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	[]
195	300	Publication fee for early, voluntary, or normal publication	[]
196	300	Publication fee for republication	[]
089	200	Filing an application for patent term adjustment	[]
090	400	Request for reinstatement of term reduced	[]
Other fee (specify)			[]

FEE CALCULATION

1. FILING FEE

Fee Code	Fee \$	Fee Description	Fee Paid
201	370	Utility filing fee	[]
206	165	Design Filing Fee	[]
207	255	Plant Filing Fee	[]
208	370	Reissue Filing Fee	[]
214	80	Provisional Filing Fee	[]

SUBTOTAL \$

2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent Claims	Extra Claims	Fee	Fee Paid
[]	[]	[]	- 20** = []	x \$ 9 = []	
[]	[]	[]	- 4** = []	x 42 = []	
				+ 140 = []	

**or number previously paid, if greater;

SUBTOTAL \$

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid **SUBTOTAL \$630.00**

SUBMITTED BY		Complete (if applicable)			
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Martha Cassidy, Reg. No. 44,066				
SIGNATURE		DATE	October 1, 2002	DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USER ID	